



Tennessee Crop Weather

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RAIN BRINGS MOST FIELD WORK TO A HALT

Rainy weather dominated most of Tennessee, forcing the majority of farmers out of the field. In West Tennessee, some cotton growers were considering reducing their acreage due to excessively wet conditions. Storms hitting during the first part of the week caused power outages and damage to farm buildings, further delaying corn and soybean planting. In Middle Tennessee, hay producers were waiting for drier conditions to start cutting, with many fearing that the recent cool weather would decrease their yields. Tobacco growers were eager to begin transplanting. In East Tennessee, fruit and vegetable crops rebounded slightly from the damage suffered during the recent cold weather. Greenhouse tomato harvest began, but was slowed by cool overnight temperatures. Hay cutting was expected to begin just as soon as weather allows. There were 2.7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent short 58 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2020	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn - Planted	75	65	65	76	Pasture	1	6	30	50	13
Corn – Emerged	52	35	41	53	Strawberries	0	8	27	51	14
Cotton – Planted	3	2	9	21	Winter Wheat	0	3	21	60	16
Soybeans – Planted	25	15	19	17						
Soybeans – Emerged	8	N/A	5	2						
Winter Wheat – Jointing	98	94	N/A	N/A						
Winter Wheat – Headed	80	59	90	87						